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1. On 1 September 1953, the ordnance school in Gera moved to the premises of the former Aeronautical Research Institute at Sonnenstein Castle in Pirna. The Material Testing Department of the institute will remain in Pirna. Some of the equipment of this department will be sent to Dobrilugk, to the VPL, and the HVDVP. Vertical boring and turning mills will be turned over to the nationalized industry. Among other equipment, a metal spectroscope was sent to Dobrilugk. The new chief of the ordnance school is Colonel Thiele; he replaced Major Kamin, who was discharged.
2. After 1 October 1953, a total of 100 KVPs at the central ordnance depot and the central repair shop in Dobrilugk are to be replaced by skilled civilian workers.

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Comment. Other sources observed that the ordnance school in Gera moved to some other place on 2 September.

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An air force technical institute was located at Sonnenstein Castle prior to August 1953, when it was deactivated. Colonel Thiele has been known since years as being the chief of the ordnance school. He was also in charge of the central ordnance shop, the ordnance test institute and the ordnance depot in the Dobrilugk-Hennersdorf area. Major Kamin (fau) was Colonel Thiele's deputy.

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